

Local Matters.

Dental Notice.

I will be in my office in Lancaster from the 1st to the 20th of every month for the practice of my profession.

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Respectfully,

J. E. Rutledge, M. D., D. D. S.

—Rev J B Harris, of Rock Hill, was in town yesterday.

—Ira B Dunlap, of Rock Hill, is in the city.

—When you come to town bring Lemmond your Bees wax he will pay a liberal price for it.

—Court will convene next Monday. Gentlemen of the jury and witnesses be at your post.

—Leaks in the roof of the courthouse are being stopped. A stitch in time.

—Miss May Williamson will give an entertainment with her class in physical culture at the courthouse next Friday night.

—We are glad to learn that Mr R E Allison, who has been confined to his bed several weeks with pneumonia, is able to sit up at his home.

—Don't forget to call and pay your subscription to the LEDGER during court week. We shall expect you. Don't disappoint us.

—Miss Florella Meynardie, who has been on an extended visit to relatives in Chester County, returned home Thursday.

—Misses Ella Mackey and Mattie Miller, of the Winthrop College, spent Saturday and Sunday at this place with their parents. They returned to Rock Hill Monday.

—Married at this place, by Rev C. W. Humphreys, on Thursday night last, Mr. Munn Harris and Miss Daisy Montgomery, daughter of Mr R N Montgomery all of this county.

—J W Hindman, of Fort Lawn took the O R & C train here Monday for Yorkville to visit friends.

—The Physical Culture Classes will give an exhibition in the Court House, Thursday night, at eight o'clock. Admission, Adults 25 cents, children 15 cents. In case of rain it will be postponed until Friday night.

—The Monroe Equiper says that the demand for a dispensary at that place has been revived. A meeting of citizens was held Tuesday and plans were formulated for getting a bill and petition before the legislature now in session at Raleigh.

—Mr Charley Griffin returned yesterday from Monroe, N. C., where he went last Saturday to attend the funeral of his grandmother, Mrs. Edith Privett, who died the day before, of la grippe, at the advanced age of 72 years.

—Mr. N O Pyles, Columbia, has sent to this office a copy of his legislative directory. It contains the names of the members alphabetically arranged with their church affiliation, county, post office, occupation and boarding places. It also gives chairmen of committees, attaches, etc. Price 10 cents.

—Every effort is being made to capture the negro Joe Hammond who escaped from the chain gang stockade one night several weeks ago. Mr Addison, one of the guards, has been searching in several sections of the county this week. He called in Saturday to say that he could find no trace of him and to ask us to correct the impression created that he was on duty as night guard at the time the negro escaped.

—Subscribe to The LEDGER. Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

—The Lancaster, C H., Sub. Alliance will meet in the C H., Saturday, Feb 27th at 3 o'clock p. m. E. Overall, Sec.

—There will be service in the Episcopal church next Sunday at 11 o'clock, a. m., and 4:30 p. m., conducted by the Rev J W Cantey Johnson. The Holy Communion will be administered at the morning service. The public is invited to attend.

—U S Deputy Marshal J F Hunter, Messrs W J Cunningham and Wm Carnes, jurors; and Mr T R Riddle the post-master at Dixie, a witness in the case against the young man charged with breaking into his office last fall, left Monday for Greenville to be present at the opening of the U S Court yesterday.

—The gold watch contest of the Columbia State for the most popular member of the Legislature will close on the last day of the session. Thousands of votes have been cast. The indications are that Griffith of Lexington, or Patton, or Thomas, of Richland, will win the prize. Mai B F Miller, of this county, has 538 votes, and stands 19th in the contest.

Just Received.

Another lot of Mules and Horses. They are beauties and were bought at prices that enables us to sell them cheap. They are worth twice the money we are asking. Call and see them before you buy.

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Married at Due West.

Miss Nannie W Todd, formerly a teacher in the Graded School at this place, and Mr Jas E Barton, of Anderson, S. C., were married at the bride's home at Due West, S. C., on Thursday last. Rev C E Todd, President of Due West Female College, officiated. The bride and groom are spending a week or so in Florida.

Death of Mrs. W. C. Mobley.

Mrs Mattie Mobley, wife of Mr W C Mobley, of the Heath Spring section, died last Saturday, after a short illness, of pneumonia. Mrs M., was about 38 years of age and was an estimable lady. She was a member of Salem Methodist church and lived a consistent christian life. Her husband and six children survive her. They have the deepest sympathy of their many friends in their sore bereavement. The funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev S W Henry, on Sunday afternoon, after which the remains were laid to rest at old Salem Church.

A Small Tornado.

Between 2 and 3 o'clock a. m., yesterday, the wind blew quite severe in this vicinity, amounting to almost a tornado. A number of trees were uprooted, fences blown down, several small buildings overturned and three or four unfinished cottages at the factory were laid low. The editor's milk safe was blown into the yard from the passage between his house and kitchen, smashing up his milk utensils and wasting his milk and butter. No damage is reported from the county, though west of town the wind was very strong.

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Work the Roads Right.

It is the unanimous verdict that the roads, where they have been graded and filled in by the county chain gang, are in far worse condition than in sections where the gang has never worked them. In other words, the labor of the chain gang has been of no good, while its expense to county is a considerable item. It is not our purpose to find fault with the work of the chain gang. What it has done is well enough as far as it went but it did not go far enough. As soon as a piece of road was built it should have been macadamized. It is money thrown away to grade hills and make fills and leave them to become bogs in wet weather. If the county is going to undertake to work the roads with its convicts it should do it right. It should buy teams for hauling rock, purchase a rock-crusher and macadamize the roads it builds. If it is not able to do this, then it should go out of the road working business until it is able. It pretends to make permanent roads, and it is worse than a waste of money and labor to make any other kind. Then equip the chain gang for the permanent improvement of the roads. Work the roads right or let them alone.

Items from the Rock Hill Herald.

John T Green, Esq., a lawyer of Lancaster, was in the city Thursday.

—Mrs M G B Chafce, of Lancaster, is visiting the family of Capt W B Dunlap.

—Mrs E R Avey and Mrs Jeff D Stradley, visited Mrs Leroy Springs in Lancaster this week.

—Mrs David F Simpson, nee Mrs. Edith Jackson, of this county, died at her home at Pinckney, Ill., on Feb 5th, from the effects of the grip.

—Mr Edward Humphreys, principal of the Post Oak school in Bethel township, was in town Wednesday. The attendance at his school numbers 30.

—A gold brick weighing 198 3-5 Troy ounces and valued at \$3700 passed through the express office here yesterday consigned from the Haile Gold Mine to the Assay official at Charlotte.

—Three hundred and sixty young-shade trees were planted on the streets of this city by public spirited men Wednesday. One hundred were planted in Laurelwood cemetery.

—The hospitable Southern home of Capt E B Mobley was graced by a gathering of lovely women Thursday afternoon, the occasion being a five o'clock tea, served by Mrs Mobley and her daughter, Miss Aline.

—Col Cadwallar Jones, once a highly respected citizen of this place, is engaged in writing a history of his life in which will be embraced an account of the part the 12th South Carolina Regiment took in the civil war.

—It is told of a well known and highly popular citizen of Catawba that he captured 15 wild geese one day this week by baiting them with corn soaked in morphine or some other narcotic. Of course not enough of the drug was digested by the fowls to prove dangerous to those eating them.

—The 260th anniversary of the completion of Westminster Shorter Catechism will be celebrated at the Spring meeting of Bethel Presbytery at Winnsboro on April 16th. The speakers will be, Rev Drs W T Hall, J Y Thornwell and C W Humphreys, Elders J W Thomson and A P Brown, and Rev Messrs D N McLaughlin and W G Neville.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

DIED IN CHARLOTTE.

Capt. Samuel E. Belk, a Former Lancastrian, Dead. A Biographical Sketch.

Charlotte Observer, 20th inst.

Captain Samuel Ellison Belk died last night at 10:15 in his room in the Carson building, corner Tryon and Fourth Streets. For weeks Captain Belk had been confined to his bed, in fact he had never recovered from the effects of a severe fall he had down stairs last June. That was the beginning of the end with him. He had been in a dying condition for several days, and passed away quietly and peacefully last night. There were with him at the time of his death: Judge Burwell, Dr Joseph Graham, Professor Baird, and Messrs F P Smith and T P Ross.

BIOGRAPHICAL.

Samuel Ellison Belk was born in 1812, in Lancaster county, S C. His father's name was J Washington Belk. Miss McMurray was his mother. The family consisted of S E Belk, J Washington Belk, and Martha; who married a Mr Hayes.

Capt Belk was 85, his brother 83, his sister about 80. Captain Belk was a relative of Jas Belk, the old gentleman who visited in Charlotte in 1875, and who was 110 years old.

Captain Belk's mother died when he was quite young, and he was reared by an uncle. He received the most of his academic education under the late Jennings B Kerr, who was proprietor of the Charlotte Hotel.

He was orderly sergeant of Co A, first U S dragoons in the Mexican war.

He clerked seven years for Thomas Curleon, in Lancaster county and came to Charlotte October 1843. He clerked for Mr Richard Carson and Mr Elms, and was engaged afterward with a firm known as Blair, Young & Co.

Selling out his interest in the firm, he became clerk at the Charlotte and Columbia depot, under Mr Hamilton Masten.

After spending some time there, he accepted an offer to become teller of the branch bank of North Carolina, of which the late John Irwin, father of Mrs Judge Osborne, was president, and Thomas W Dewey, cashier. He held this position until he volunteered in 1861, to enter the service of the Confederacy. He went out as first lieutenant in Capt Harvey White's company. He was wounded at Gettysburg, and his arm amputated at the shoulder.

He was elected county treasurer in 1868, and served continuously until 1884, making a good record for himself and the county. He set an example for honesty that has never been departed from by any successor.

Captain Belk was really not a captain, but lieutenant, so Mr W E Cochrane, who was in the same company, says, but he was always known as "captain." He began life after the war without a dollar, and by the strictest economy in his manner of living, had accumulated an estate valued today at \$25,000.

He left no will, and this will go to his nearest kin, a brother and sister who live in South Carolina.

Although a very economical man, he was not a stingy man. He was very generous to his relatives in South Carolina, and gave liberally to the A R P church. He helped many poor people, and yet allowed himself no comforts or luxuries.

His name was a synonym for honesty; he was upright and moral and possessed a strong personality.

THE FUNERAL.

The body was taken to the A R P Church last night, and will lie in state there until 4 o'clock this afternoon, when the funeral will be conducted by Rev John T Chalmers.



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